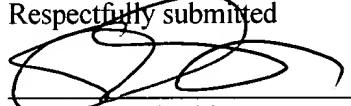


REMARKS

Claims 1, 4 and 10 have been amended to more clearly define that which is claimed over the art. Applicants respectfully submit that claims of the present application are believed to be in a condition for allowance and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted



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